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- called Jeannie Waller (Superintendent Walsh's secretary) at the CHS & asked her if I had been "approved" by the School Board as a substitute. Yes, said Mr. I then reported that I had heard that last week one day there was a lack of substitute teachers at CHS. I wondered why I had not been called. She seemed very surprised that I had not yet had a call and said that she would "call right over" [to the principal's office] and find out why I had not been called. Very probably I will get a substitute call at CHS early next week, which will be fine with me. Last night Elaine reported that Carbondale pays \$32/day (very insulting); Forest City pays \$35/day for the first ten days and then \$45/day; Lakeland - \$35/day; Mountain View - \$35/day. No substitute need to be hard to do, that is, organize the substitutes. I delivered the copy prints for Dorothy Essig to the CPL; she will leave a check for OWP and pick up the photographs. - Tried to visit Pastor Bissel at about 1 P.M. today -- he was not there. Perhaps his very pregnant wife is in the process of giving birth to their twins. - copy of a note sent 10-13-84 by SKP:

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Dear Brookvalley Farm -

What do you get Uncle Bob for Christmas?

answer: a purple cascade-flowering tree wisteria from the Owen Nursery.

Yours truly,

Uncle Bob"
[2300
E. Lincoln St.,
Bloomington, IL 61701]

- Borrowed from TMS/OWP a copy of D.H. Lawrence's Mornings in Mexico and Stimulus Places. Lawrence, like Hemingway, Fitzgerald and Augustin John, is extremely irritating for someone of my temperament. Read both works by Lawrence; the former is an interesting "record" (I would prefer that it had been written by someone else, anyone else); the latter is very interesting & Lawrence is tolerable in this instance primarily because of his dislike of the Romans.

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also borrowed D.H. Lawrence's Studies in Classic American Literature from OWP/TMS. I agree enthusiastically with the thesis set forth in Chapter I - "No Spirit of Place". Especially, p. 6 - "Different places on the face of the earth have different vital effluence, different vibrations, different chemical exhalations, different polarity with different stars: call it what you like. But the spirit of place is a great reality. The Nile Valley produced not only the corn, but the terrific religiosity of Egypt. China produces the Chinese, and will go on doing so. The Church of San Francisco will in time cease to be Chinese, for America is a great melting pot." The rest of the book by Lawrence is extremely irritating and I came near to throwing it across the room repeatedly and I read it.

Two other recent books read -

Susan Mary Alsop's Lady Sackville (a badly written biography of an essentially uninteresting woman) Vita Sackville-West's The Edwardians - an excellent book; beautifully written. It falls into the "highly recommended" category. Vita Sackville-West is Lady Sackville's daughter, and, unlike her mother, she is an interesting person.

Hypothesis:

Job will not move out of 46 Canaan until he finds someone (probably a wife, or, at any rate, a mother substitute) who will take care of him as his mother now does: wake him up, cook his meals, wash his clothes, keep the refrigerator full of snacks, and so forth. Not unlike many people his age, he is extraordinarily concerned with material comforts and is not interested at all in thumbing his nose at the bourgeois world. I hope my hypothesis is incorrect.